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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

- This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month to March 7, 1. 2006.
- 2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
- 3. Applicant is a small entity.
- 4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:

Fee for small entity:

one month

\$60.00

Fee \$60.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request \$60.00

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5. Extended period for response one month.

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Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on March 7, 2006.

6. Fee Payment

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Attached is Credit Card Payment form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$ 60.00

Very respectfully,

SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Petition and Fee is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 1635, Attn: Tracey Ann Vivlemore, (571) 273-8300, on March 7, 2006.

Date: March 7, 2006

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